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from the president

Dear Readers,

Mount St. Mary's will celebrate the successful completion of our 2007-2012 Strategic Plan at the end of 2012! As we begin to think about the vision and the goals for the College's next strategic plan, we as a College community are coming together to talk about what it means to be a Catholic liberal arts college for women of the 21st century, and an institution that serves women and men through our Weekend College and quality graduate programs. To accomplish this requires us to be bold in our thinking, and to draw on the energy and vibrancy of our students, faculty, staff, alums, regents, trustees and friends in this critical endeavor.

As we move forward, we will remain faithful to our founders and to our mission; we must be clear about who we are and what we are called to do. We are inspired by the legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet to help women become all they are capable of being; we remain committed to serving all persons without distinction; and we look always to respond to the needs of our dear neighbor – whether that neighbor is here among us in Los Angeles or across the globe.

In this issue, you will meet some of our alums, for whom attending the Mount was a transformational experience in their own lives. You will see how our doctoral students in the physical therapy program are living the College's mission by using their knowledge and skills to make a significant difference in the lives of others. You will also read about the exciting new opportunities for the College to inspire and engage young women to become this nation's future leaders. This is just a sampling of what we are accomplishing together at Mount St. Mary's College.

Thank you for the warm welcome, support, energy and commitment that you have extended to me since I came to the Mount last year. I feel very fortunate to be part of this community, and excited about the future before us.

With warmest regards,

Ann McElaney-Johnson

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President

The inauguration of the 12th president of Mount St. Mary's College, Ann McElaney-Johnson, was held March 16, 2012. After this date, please visit **msmc.la.edu/inauguration** for photo galleries, video and a copy of President McElaney-Johnson's inaugural address.

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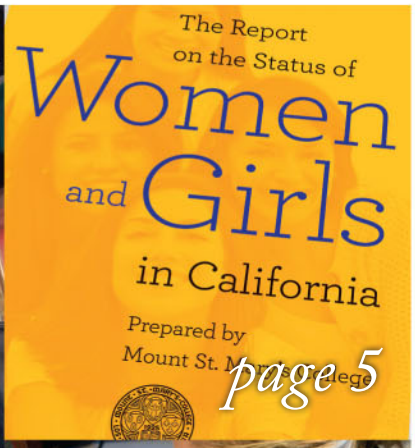

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Maggie Bustaman '15 shows a tranquil spot on the Chalon Campus overlooking West Los Angeles.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mount St. Mary's College offers a dynamic learning experience in the liberal arts and sciences to a diverse student body. As a Catholic college primarily for women, we are dedicated to providing a superior education enhanced by an emphasis on building leadership skills and fostering a spirit to serve others. Our measure of success is graduates who are committed to using their knowledge and skills to better themselves, their environments and the world.

Mount St. Mary's College is a diverse community committed to providing an environment that is free from discrimination on the basis of any characteristic protected by federal, state or local law, ordinance or regulation.

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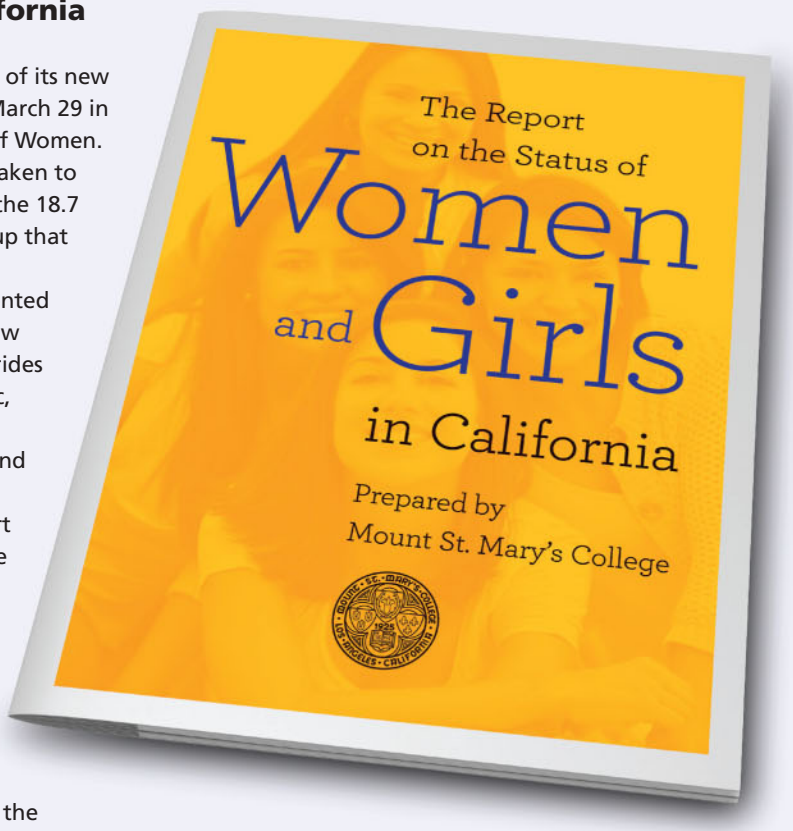
Mount Releases Groundbreaking Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California

Mount St. Mary's College will host a special presentation of its new Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California on March 29 in partnership with the California Commission on the Status of Women.

The report seeks to inspire deliberate steps that can be taken to address continuing gender inequities by shining a light on the 18.7 million women and girls who call California home — a group that comprises more than half of the state's residents.

The report confirms that women are vastly underrepresented in elective office, scientific fields, partnership positions in law firms and the boardrooms of California, in spite of great strides over the last 100 years. By examining areas key to economic, political, social and physical well-being — and an array of studies in these areas — the report confirms the undeniable trend that women lag behind men in reaching positions of power.



A panel of scholars and experts in women's public policy issues will discuss the report's findings on the Doheny Campus. Speakers and panelists will include Geena Davis, Academy Award®-winning actor and founder, The Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media; Maria Contreras-Sweet, executive chair and founder, ProAmérica Bank; Linda J. Sax, UCLA professor and author; Maria Blanco, vice president for civic engagement, California Community Foundation; and Judy Patrick, president and CEO, Women's Foundation of California.

More information at **statusofwomen.msmc.la.edu**

$6 Million Federal Grant to Enhance College's STEM Curricula, Boost Achievement

Mount St. Mary's College was awarded a five-year, $6 million Title III federal grant to enhance curricula and boost achievement for Hispanic, female and low-income students in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, known as STEM disciplines.

The grant supports institutional development in partnership with El Camino College in Torrance, Calif. The Mount will serve as the lead institution with $1.2 million in funding each year through October 2015.

Among the key components of the grant, the College will repurpose five classrooms into high-tech science and mathematics centers, intensify faculty development, enhance undergraduate research opportunities in STEM fields, increase the number of students graduating with bachelor's degrees in these fields, and align math and science coursework at the two-year El Camino College with requirements at the Mount. The award will also fund centers at both colleges staffed with career and academic advisers, provide summer workshops to support and retain first- and second-year students in these areas, and add a new environmental science major at the Mount.

The College is among 109 institutions nationwide receiving a total of $100 million from the U.S. Department of Education to enhance science, technology, engineering and math components at schools that enroll a high percentage of Hispanic students.

from the faculty

Julia Chang, professor of physical therapy, co-authored an article, "Enhanced GABAergic Network and Receptor Function in Pediatric Cortical Dysplasia Type IIB Compared with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex," which was published in Neurobiology of Disease in January.

Susan D'Antuono, part-time instructor in the master of nursing program, passed the certification exam in nursing professional development administered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center in November 2011.

Alan Lee, assistant professor of physical therapy, co-authored an article, "Telehealth as a Means of Healthcare Delivery," with Nancy Harada, instructor of physical therapy. The manuscript was published in Physical Therapy in 2011

Luiza Nogaj, assistant professor of biology, was awarded a National Institute of Health grant in September to study the role of small molecules in preventing the aggregation of proteins involved in Alzheimer's, Type 2 diabetes and other diseases. The study will be conducted in collaboration with Loyola Marymount University.

Mount Joins Clinton's Women in Public Service Project

Mount President Ann McElaney-Johnson joined U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Dec. 15, 2011, at the Women in Public Service Colloquium that brought together representatives from top women's colleges to announce an innovative initiative to increase the number of women in leadership positions.

The Women in Public Service Project teams the Mount, Mills College and Scripps College with Barnard College, Bryn Mawr College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College and Wellesley College to engage and inspire future generations of women to be leaders in the United States and around the world.

"This initiative fits in perfectly with the Mount's commitment to education, leadership and service in a women-centered environment," McElaney-Johnson said. "Public service is a powerful way for women to transform their communities and the world."

The project will identify and educate a new generation of women committed to public service, create an infrastructure of support and mentoring, and help enable more women to enter politics. The forum in Washington, D.C., explored issues such as the skills needed for successful public servants in the 21st century and how to achieve the 50 percent mark for women in political and civic leadership by 2050.

"Together we will seek to promote the next generation of women leaders who will invest in their countries and communities, provide leadership for their governments and societies, and help change the way global solutions are developed," Clinton said.

For more information about the project, visit **womeninpublicservice.org**.

College Sponsors Inspiration and Action event to Encourage Women to Run for Public Office

Last fall, Mount St. Mary's College teamed with the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) at Rutgers University and California Women Lead in a nonpartisan effort to get more women elected to public office.

Inspiration and Action, held Sept. 24, 2011, on the Chalon Campus, supported a national drive begun by CAWP's 2012 Project several months ago. Headlining the event were former California state legislators Gwen Moore, a Democrat, and Lynn Daucher, a Republican.

Research shows that women need more convincing to go into politics than men, said CAWP Director Debbie Walsh. "We are reaching out to women across different sectors — health care, business, real estate and engineering — who haven't thought about running for office but should."

Since 1994, Walsh's group has tracked little growth in the number of women running for and being elected to office. Today, 83 percent of Congress is male, and 76 percent of state legislators are men.

Commencement Speaker 2012: Los Angeles Times Columnist Sandy Banks

The Mount welcomes Los Angeles Times columnist Sandy Banks as its 2012 commencement speaker on May 7 at the Gibson Amphitheatre at Universal Citywalk. Banks' 32-year career at the Los Angeles Times has included stints as a reporter, writer, editor, columnist, editorial writer and director of the newspaper's internship program. She was on the team awarded a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the Los Angeles riots in 1992.

She is best known for her twice-a-week columns, which offer her personal perspective on events and issues in the news. Her work has won national recognition from journalism groups and organizations as varied as the National Council of Jewish Women, Muslim Women's League, Watts Community Health Foundation, Beverly Hills Rotary Club, and California Teachers' Association.

Here are some of her thoughts on education and writing:

Q: What role does a college education play in a woman's life?

A*:* A college education opens doors to professional success and satisfaction, translating to more career choices and higher lifelong income for a graduate. But just as important, the college experience can broaden a woman's horizons by introducing a world outside of familiar family, friends and community. The challenge of new ideas and diverse perspectives encourages the sort of personal growth that enriches a woman's life journey.

Q: As a writer, how do you find your voice in a media universe saturated with endless commentary?

***A*:** I try to follow the advice I offer to young women: Be true to yourself. I don't always have the answers, but I am always willing to ask the questions. I try to follow my own heart in pursuit of columns, and that means owning up to confusion, conflict, indecision, anger, awe. I try to be intellectually curious and emotionally vulnerable. If you are reliably authentic, people may disagree, but they will trust you enough to at least listen.

Q: What was your favorite class or activity in college? Why?

A*:* My favorite activity was my sorority, which helped me find a sense of sisterhood on campus. Only a tiny percentage of Ohio State students were black, and the campus was so large there were few leadership opportunities for women. My favorite classes tended to be courses related to sociology; I loved linguistics, religion and philosophy classes, because they focused on links between groups of people across geography and over time.

Read more Q&A with Sandy Banks at **www.msmc.la.edu/magazine**

from the faculty

Bev Quaye, part-time instructor in the master of nursing program, was elected to the board of the Association of Clinical Nurse Leaders (ACNL).

Montserrat Reguant, professor and chair of the language & culture department, presented "Kaleidoscope of Learning: Cervantes and Bacon" at the National Alpha Mu Gamma Conference in October 2011 in Los Angeles.

Lori Rubenstein, lecturer in the physical therapy program, presented "Neuroplastic Yoga for Chronic Pain" at the SYTAR International Yoga Therapy Conference in September 2011 in Pacific Grove, Calif.

Barbara Sargent, lecturer in the physical therapy program, received the Promotion of Doctoral Studies Scholarship and the Viva J. Erickson Award from the Foundation for Physical Therapy in September 2011.

Eleanor Siebert, provost and academic vice president, was named to the American Chemical Society's (ACS) 2011 class of fellows, an honor bestowed upon select scientists around the country who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in chemistry and made important contributions to ACS, the world's largest scientific society.

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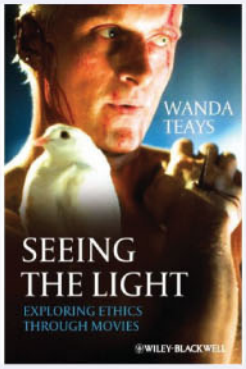
from the faculty



Wanda Teays, professor and chair of the philosophy department, wrote a book about the ways movies help develop moral character and moral reasoning skills. "Seeing the Light: Exploring Books Through Movies" is now available at Amazon.com and local bookstores.

Shelly Tochluk, chair of the education department, presented "Witnessing Whiteness: How to Talk About Race" at the Virginia Diversity Network in September 2011 in Richmond, Va., and at Stanford University in October 2011.

@ For more faculty accomplishments, go to **www.msmc.la.edu/academics/provost**

A Record-Setting Day for Young Readers

"Llama Llama Red Pajama" was required reading on Oct. 6, 2011, when dozens of children from Los Angeles County participated in Jumpstart's Read for the Record® event on the Doheny Campus. More than two million children around the world read author Anna Dewdney's popular book at different locations that day.

Read for the Record® is a national campaign that mobilizes adults and children to close the early education achievement gap by setting a reading world record. "By participating in Jumpstart's Read for the Record, millions of adults and children voiced their concern about the ever-widening achievement gap that affects children in low-income neighborhoods," says Jumpstart CEO James Cleveland.

Actress Madison Pettis reads to children on the Doheny Campus

Recruitment Begins for New Criminology Major

Recruitment has started for the new criminology major that will be offered at the Mount beginning this fall. The program was developed in response to a surge in job opportunities in homeland security and crisis management.

"Most criminology programs still focus on the study of crime, forensics and law enforcement," says Sande Harte, professor and chair of the sociology department.

"Our major is more inclusive and has a broader perspective, addressing real issues facing us now and in the future."

Biochemistry Student Earns National Honors

Lauren Que '13 earned a best oral presentation award for her biochemistry research, "Synthesis of Functionalized Silica Nanoparticles that Aid in Coagulation," which she presented at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students in November 2011 in St. Louis, Mo. Que completed her work last summer through the College's Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program, which is funded by the National Institute of Health's general medical sciences division.

College Screens 'Miss Representation' Film

Is the media responsible for the underrepresentation of women in positions of power and leadership in America? Yes, according to "Miss Representation," a film screened at the Doheny Campus in November 2011 as part of the College's commitment to spotlight the challenges and opportunities for women in California. The film, by MissRepresentation.org founder Jennifer Siebel Newsom, challenges what it perceives as the media's limited and often disparaging portrayals of women and girls. After the screening, Mount students discussed important issues raised in the film about building confidence.

Community Remembers Sister Joseph Adele Edwards

The Mount community lost one of its beloved longtime members, Sister Joseph Adele Edwards, CSJ, '58, on Dec. 25, 2011.

As a young girl, Sister Joseph Adele lived in St. Vincent's Parish in Los Angeles, near the Mount's Doheny Campus. She joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1952 and professed her vows in 1959. Sister Joseph Adele served Mount St. Mary's College as admissions director in 1963, then as assistant professor of English in 1970. In her later years, she was the interim dean of the Associate in Arts program before being appointed baccalaureate dean. When she retired from her administrative role, she continued to help students as a volunteer tutor in the Learning Center.

Sister Joseph Adele was described by a colleague as a "velvet steamroller. She was gentle but firm. She was wise and playful. She had a big heart and a quick wit. She was a poet, a dancer, a gifted teacher, and a compassionate administrator. She was a role model, a mentor, a good friend."

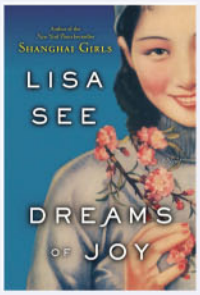
Mount Offers New Minors

The Philosophy Department announces an ethics minor intended for students who seek a more in-depth study of ethics for personal, academic or career goals. The minor will help students acquire a greater sense of the breadth and depth of ethical theory and its many applications to fields as diverse as nursing, medicine, and the sciences, as well as law, business and computer technology.

The Music Department, in collaboration with the Film and Social Justice program, now offers a minor in music scoring for media. Students learn to arrange and produce music for movies, television and other media.

Women's Leadership Hosts National Conference

College student government leaders from across the country gathered on the Chalon Campus in November 2011 for a day of speakers and workshops at the American Student Government Association Training Conference. This is the second year the Mount's Women's Leadership program has hosted the event, which is held in partnership with the National Society of Leadership and Success.



Students Work with Well-Known Author

Four Mount students turned a freshman English project chronicling L.A. history in famous novels into summer employment with novelist Lisa See. The students' journey began when English Professor Scott Bryson sent a link of the website his class created about See's "Shanghai Girls" to the author. See was so impressed that she hired Danielle Mumar, Kamirun Nesa, Nicole Nicolas and Gladys Santillan, all class of 2014, to create additional websites for her books "Dreams of Joy" and "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan."

Mount Charters New Nursing Honor Society

More than 120 nursing students and faculty members were inducted as charter members into the Phi Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), a nursing honor society, in June 2011. Carol Huston, past president of STTI, welcomed the group in a celebration held at The Rose Hills Auditorium on the Doheny Campus.

Nursing Alums Present at Conference

Mount alums presented at the Odyssey 2011 Conference in October in Cerritos, Calif., sponsored by the Southern California chapters of Sigma Theta Tau International, an honor society of nursing. Joycelyn McDonald '10 shared her research on "Retention of Ethnic Minority Students in an ADN to MSN Degree Program" and Kirsi Toivanen '10 gave results from her study on "Effective Nursing Leadership and Emotional Intelligence." Lauren Mills '11 received third place in the research category for her poster, "Predicting In-House Mortality Using the CARING Criteria."

Mount Hosts Viewing of 'The Way' with actors Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez

The College hosted a private screening of Martin Sheen's movie, "The Way," in the William H. Hannon Theater on the Chalon Campus in November 2011. A panel discussion featuring Sheen and his son, Emilio Estevez, who wrote and directed the movie, followed. The event was sponsored by CIMA (Catholics in Media Associates) and was open to CIMA members.

Mount Orchestra Debut Concert Features Young Artists

The new Mount Orchestra held its debut performance on Oct. 15, 2011, at the Chalon Campus' Hannon Theater. The orchestra, led by Mount faculty Chester Swiatkowski, was accompanied by the winners of the first annual Mount St. Mary's Concerto Competition for Young Artists.

Experts Share Tips for Business, Leadership Success

The Mount's business administration department continued the popular Vantage Point speaker series this year with two panel discussions featuring some of Los Angeles' leading female business consultants and executives. The November panel featured Carolyn Casavan, principal engineer, Casavan Consulting; Terry A. Tegnazian, president, Aquila Polonica (U.S.) Ltd.; Denise V. Bickerstaff, principal, Keyser Marston Associates Inc.; and Yvette Herrera, principal, HT Group. The February panelists were Felicia Bannon, executive director of community and local government relations, UCLA; Gina Barro, vice president of strategic relations, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation; and Pamela Hemann, executive director of the Foundation for Leadership California.

Theologian Speaks at Annual Lecture

Theologian Mercy Amba Oduyoye, a feminist author who brings an African perspective to her writing, was the guest speaker of the Mount's ninth annual Patricia A. Reif Memorial Lecture in November 2011. Oduyoye is director of the Institute of African Women in Religion and Culture at Trinity Theological Seminary in Ghana. She has written four books and more than 80 articles focusing on Christian theology.

MSMC Gives Away Treats at Haunted Campus

What do you do with 20,000 pounds of candy? After a month of collecting a mountain of sweet treats, the College gave it all away to nearly 14,000 local children and neighborhood residents at the annual Halloween Haunted Campus on Oct. 31, 2011. The Doheny Campus has been hosting the community event for 22 years to provide families living in the downtown area with a safe venue to trick-or-treat.

FUN FACTS

Weekend College

This fall, Weekend College will celebrate its 20th year offering a complete college experience to working adults in a format that fits their needs and schedules. When it first opened at the Chalon Campus, Weekend College offered 15 courses and two undergraduate majors. Now the program has 52 courses and nine majors. Here's a look at Weekend College, by the numbers.

2,853
Most miles a student has commuted to class (student lived in Montreal, Canada)

330
Number of students enrolled in Spring 2012

92
Number of students enrolled in Fall 1992

72
Number of weekends to finish a bachelor's degree

40
Number of faculty in Spring 2012

9
Number of faculty in Fall 1992

THE ROAD

'THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES. THE FISH COME WHEN THEY'RE READY TO COME.'

— Sandra (Kallen) Umlauf '66

LESS TRAVELED

Some women choose paths that veer from the traditional; in their journey they find a transformation, a responsibility to society and a desire to let the wind take them where they need to go. For these two alums, the road leads to Alaska.

BY PIA ABELGAS ORENSE

These days, Sandra (Kallen) Umlauf'66 spends many mornings enjoying the view of the lake outside her home in Soldotna, Alaska. Ducks fly by downwind, but once in a while one of them flaps his wings mightily in the opposite direction. Umlauf keeps an eye on that bird, waiting until he makes it to the calm side of the lake.

She made a similar journey once, going against the wind when it would have been easier to stay with the flock. It was in 1970, five years after she started working in Arizona. She had heard about pipeline jobs in Alaska and something told her that was where she needed to go. She was ready to move on.

Like Umlauf, plenty of Mount St. Mary's College alums find themselves at a crossroads at some point in their lives: Stay on the same path or embrace an unconventional route? Umlauf chose the latter. Her decision to move to Alaska, where she did not know anyone, was a leap of faith – one she does not regret to this day.

For Martina (Arce) Phelps '03, her journey also took her to Alaska, albeit in a roundabout way. She grew up there, in a tiny village where she knew everyone and where she was bullied by other children because of her looks. She moved to California as a shy teen desperate to find her voice and her place in a bigger world. Little did she know that a few years later she would choose to return home, even if it meant facing a new form of harassment on a more public scale.

Few dare to choose the road less traveled. Armed with the foundation of the Mount's liberal arts education, these two alums took a risk and experienced a transformation along the way.

THE FIRST STEPS

Umlauf entered college ready to be an adult and yet, using her own metaphor, she still needed to "proof like rising bread dough."

The time she had at the Mount gave her a well-rounded education that taught her critical thinking and research skills. It was also a chance to "learn about how large and wide the world actually was."

After graduating with her bachelor's degree in business administration, she worked for a civilian contractor at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona for five years. By the time she boarded the plane that would take her more than 2,500 miles north, she was ready for her new life.

Photo: Roy Mullin

Looking back, "one of my regrets was that I did not come (to Alaska) immediately after college," she says. Shortly after relocating to the state, she started working for the company building a pipeline in Alaska.

Phelps' own journey took her out of rural America so she could find her place in the world. She grew up in the small village of Iliamna, population 109, where she stood out because her facial features reflected the unique mix of her gene pool: part Irish, part native Alaskan, half Mexican. Children made fun of her and those years of dodging taunts about her looks gave her a thick skin. But it came with a price: "I was very shy," Phelps says.

When she moved to Southern California, where her paternal grandmother lived, she found it overwhelming to be packed in a crowded classroom. But there, Phelps no longer felt different. "I didn't experience being picked on, which was flabbergasting to me," she recalls.

At the Mount, she found her voice. "Everybody was encouraged to express a different opinion and you had to be tolerant," she says. "I always carried that lesson with me."

By the time Phelps graduated with her bachelor's degree in business administration, she was no longer the same child who shied away from attention. She even worked in fields that required plenty of social interaction: as a personal banker for Wells Fargo, a receptionist for a law firm, and a flight attendant for Alaska Airlines.

THE FORK IN THE ROAD

Umlauf was already married and raising her children in Alaska when she encountered a chance to once again change her life's direction. In the late 1970s, a friend asked if she and her husband, Paul, were willing to buy his commercial fishing permit.

Umlauf, who studied business administration and had no training in salmon fishing, says "there was no hesitation" about taking it.

"If you are an Alaskan, you fish," she says.

The first year involved a lot of trial and error for the Umlaufs. It was fun when they caught fish, but everything else was hard, manual labor. Umlauf quickly learned to set 200-foot-long nets on their anchors, retrieve them from the sea and pick fish from the webbing.

"I always said I only had to be smarter than the sockeye salmon we were trying to catch," she says of the work, "but that was doubtful sometimes. There are no guarantees. The fish come when they're ready to come."

For six to eight weeks every summer, the family lived in a fish camp in Ugashik Bay's Pilot Point. The nearest grocery store was in Anchorage, which was more than 300 miles away to the north.

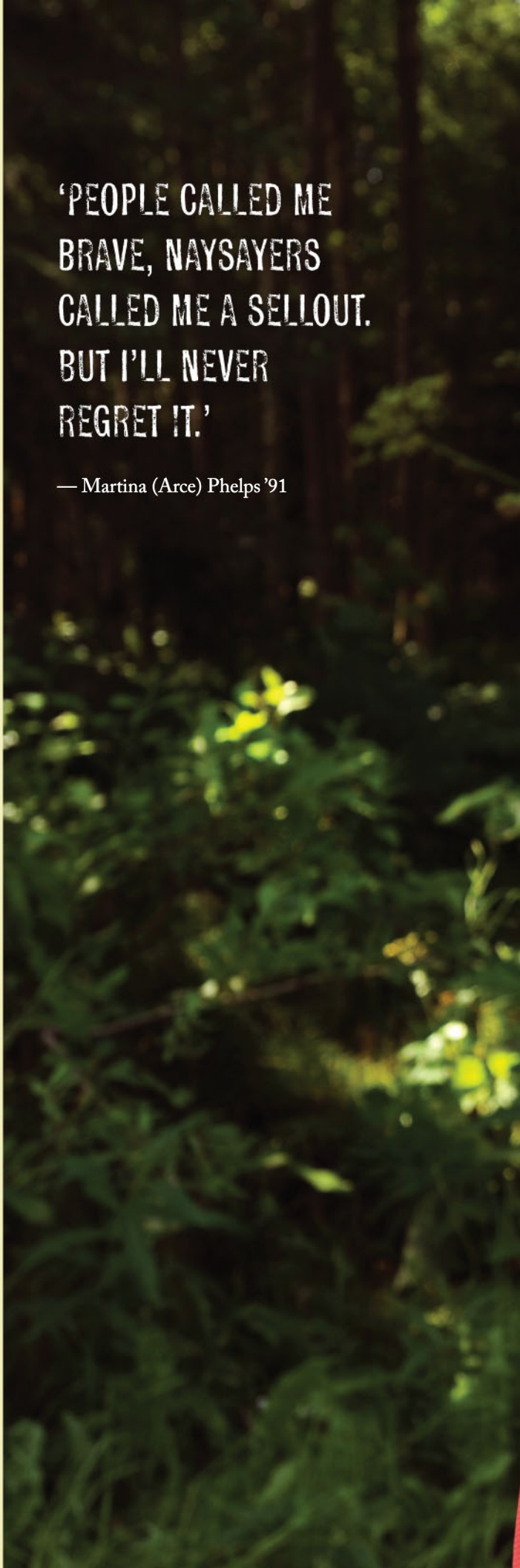


Photo: Bob Hallinen, Anchorage Daily News

Life in fish camp often started at 5 a.m., when the crew prepared and loaded the nets and buoys on the skiffs, and ended at 3 a.m. If there were plenty of salmon in the area, the crew would begin another cycle with little or no sleep.

It was a dangerous job and it was a male-dominated industry, but Umlauf loved it. During off season, she represented Ugashik's small group of commercial fishermen at Alaska's Board of Fish, which sets regulations for the state's fishing industry.

"Alaska … is one huge, grand spectacular fishing hole," she says.

For Umlauf, choosing the road to a new life as an Alaskan was easy. The choice wasn't as simple for Phelps, who, as a young girl, also worked in the commercial fishing industry with her family. Four years ago, she was living in Seattle, Wash., and working as a flight attendant for Alaska Airlines when she got a call from a family member offering her a job with a major corporation in Anchorage. She loved her airline job but the pay wasn't enough to make a dent in her student loans; the offer from Anchorage would make a difference. With that thought, she moved back to Alaska.

Once there, her family told her about a controversial project that would build one of the world's largest mines in Bristol Bay, near her hometown of Iliamna. Proponents of the Pebble Mine project say the mine will create much-needed jobs and provide state tax revenue while opponents say it will be too risky for the people and fish living in the Bristol Bay watershed.

"You couldn't avoid the issue – it was on TV a lot. But nobody wanted to talk about it," she says. "For the people in Iliamna, you can't have an opinion other than against the mine."

The once-shy Phelps soon found herself in the middle of the spotlight. She was asked to appear in a series of television commercials for the Pebble Mine project. Her father warned her that the commercials would anger the town residents. It wouldn't matter that Phelps herself was not taking a stand, that she was just lending her face to what she believed was a campaign meant to educate people.

After doing her own research on the effects of mines on small towns and determining that the ad campaign would take on an educational approach, Phelps agreed to do the commercials.

The ads, which aired the summer of 2011, became a big deal in the little town of Iliamna. People recognized her on the streets and she became known, not in a flattering way, as the Pebble Girl, after mine opponents launched a counter-campaign challenging her and the claims on the ads.

"It took on a life of its own. When I became the target, I didn't want to speak to anyone," she says. For days, she avoided going out in public, worried she would be harassed.

"But I had nothing to hide," she says. "I can't change people's minds. But that wasn't the point. The point was to get people to talk about it. You can't just ignore the topic."

Now, she says, there are a lot more people from her hometown speaking out about the mine. Even young people are attending public hearings about the Pebble project.

ON THE RIGHT PATH

Phelps says her family, who had cautioned her against doing the commercials, are proud of her.

"People called me brave, naysayers called me a sellout. But I'll never regret it," she says. "I'm proud of my work; it got people talking." For Phelps, that was the point.

She says she will consider doing the commercials again, as long as the campaign remains focused on educating the public about the pros and cons of building a mine in town. Her personal focus, for now, is raising her son with her husband, Jasen, in Alaska, the state she once couldn't wait to escape from and is happy to call home once again.

Both Phelps and Umlauf have found peace and satisfaction in their chosen paths. Whether the struggles they faced were internal or external, neither one regrets the decision to take the road less traveled.

Across the river, in Soldotna, Umlauf and her husband no longer do commercial fishing. They've embarked on a new adventure: beach-combing for rare glass floats and selling them online. It has been 41 years since she packed her bags and flew to Alaska, trusting that voice that told her to head upwind.

"I cannot begin to express the gratitude I feel for being able to live out my life in this great and wonderful place," she says.

She has found the calm side of the lake. ⚜

For photos of life in an Alaskan fish camp and a video of a Pebble Mine commercial, go to **www.msmc.la.edu/magazine**

Sister Suzanne Jabro, CSJ, '69 paints the face of a child during a Get On The Bus trip to a state prison.

A fence separates an incarcerated mother and her child.

Reuniting Families

Get on the Bus founder talks about helping children visit their parents in prison

By Sister Suzanne Jabro, CSJ, '69

California has the largest prison system in the nation, separating nearly 200,000 children from a parent in a correctional facility. These children pay dearly for crimes they did not commit. Many are sent to live with relatives or are placed in foster care; others suffer from social stigma or emotional trauma.

Serving in prison ministry has been my lifelong call. In 35 years of doing this work, I have experienced the brokenness of the correctional justice system again and again. As director of detention ministry for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in the 1990s, I learned that many prisoners, especially women, never receive a visit from their family due to the lack of transportation, the distance of prisons from major cities, and the expense of travel. Although starting a nonprofit was the furthest thing from my mind, I was inspired to found Get On The Bus when the women I visited at the prisons in Chowchilla, Calif. — at the time, the largest women's prisons in the world — begged to see their children.

Get On The Bus began in 2000 with one bus and 17 children that traveled to Chowchilla's Central California Women's Facility and Valley State Prison for Women that first year. In 2011, Get On The Bus brought 1,357 children to visit their mothers and fathers at nine prisons throughout the state. I am thrilled that students from the Mount joined us last year in our mission, raising funds and volunteering to accompany the children as they traveled, and will return once again to "get on the bus" in 2012.

There has been a 500 percent increase in the number of women in prison since the 1980s, due largely to mandatory sentencing laws for drug offenses. No one predicted that deconstructing families — disproportionately families of color — would increase recidivism. No one predicted that without their mothers the children themselves would become vulnerable to crime or criminal activity. *No one considered the children.* I consider the children of prisoners to be innocent victims of crime who serve the same sentence as their parents.

This past year an 11-year-old boy wrote to us, "I haven't seen my mom in three years. I miss her and I love her and I'm so glad that the bus brought me to see her." I give thanks for the volunteers and staff who helped 1,357 children remember how it feels to rest in the arms of their mother or father. To most people, visiting a prison is an experience to avoid. The children who get on the bus tell us it's the best day of their life. To learn more about Get On The Bus, visit www.getonthebus.us. ⚜

Sister Suzanne Jabro, CSJ, '69 is a nationally recognized leader in the development and evolution of prison ministry and the founder of the Center for Restorative Justice Works. She received the 2009 Peace and Justice Award from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and was presented with the 2010 Norman Felton and Denise Aubuchon Humanitarian Award by Death Penalty Focus.

For Verna Royes, Education is a Lifelong Investment

Not having the opportunity to go to school when she was a young girl defined Verna Royes' life in more ways than one. In fact, it has been the greatest motivator for her philanthropy today. Now, Verna invests her money in other people's education through gift annuities for colleges and universities in Los Angeles, including the Mount.

"Because I did not have an education, I want others to have it," Verna says. "I want to give others the break I didn't get when I was younger."

She spent most of her childhood in Jamaica helping her father run his businesses. Instead of studying algebra and science, she learned how to manage a store, invest her savings and make a profit. These were lessons that led her to a successful career in the U.S. buying and selling property.

At 96, Verna continues to be active in her church, which is where she met Mount graduate Jennifer (McCormick) Bartlett '95 and her family. She is ever mindful of the source of her good fortune. "All the blessings I have, I owe to the Lord," she says. "I am a happy, happy woman because the Lord has done so much for me."

with thanks

Kaiser Permanente — Provided a $110,000 grant to support the nursing forgivable loan program

Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation — Gave a renewed gift of $125,000 for Doheny Campus maintenance

Von Der Ahe Foundation — Provided $25,000 to augment the Von Der Ahe Foundation Endowed Scholarship

William H. Hannon Foundation — Provided $25,000 to augment the Hannon Endowed Scholarships

Geary's — Gave an $8,000 grant to support the MSMC chapter of the American Advertising Federation in the 2011-2012 National Student Advertising Competition

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Kimberly Sanchez '09 Vows to Continue Giving to Alma Mater

What drew Kimberly Sanchez '09 to the Mount wasn't just the beautiful Chalon Campus or the outstanding nursing program, it was that on Admitted Students Day the staff knew so much about her.

"It was unbelievable. Rosalyn Kempf (director of Women's Leadership) knew my name and so many other things about me. It made it more personal," Kimberly recalls. Kempf later encouraged her to apply for a Mount scholarship, one of several she received as a student in the traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Kimberly now works in the surgical intensive care unit at Keck Hospital of USC. She thinks back to the financial help she received through the generosity of donors and promises to continue giving to the Mount as often as she can. She hopes her fellow alums are doing the same thing.

"If a lot of us give, even if it's just a small amount, then we can help put a student through school," she says.

NEH grant to bring international focus to several majors

A two-year $100,000 National Endowment for the Humanities grant will help Mount St. Mary's College bring a more international focus to studies across eight majors.

The "Women in China: Internationalizing the Humanities and Professional Studies" project will launch in July to integrate international cultures into undergraduate and graduate coursework. A key component of the grant includes a series of six public, scholarly lectures exploring Chinese history, poetry, art and literature planned at the Mount beginning in September.

The project will tie humanities courses into the Mount's professional schools of nursing, physical therapy, education and business. Faculty will create or modify 15 courses; deepen the College's ongoing relationship with China's Nanjing University; and expand the Center for Cultural Fluency as a resource for teaching and learning.

Also, a seven-day faculty trip to China will take place in March 2013 to examine the nation with guidance from scholars based in Nanjing.

Hope and Healing

Physical therapy students offer pro bono care to Los Angeles' homeless population

By Ben Baeder

Steve Martinez had been living with intense pain from sprained ankles that radiated to his lower back for months. He had been given painkillers, but the pills were not enough. Complicating his injuries was that Martinez was homeless and living on the streets of Los Angeles.

Then he met students from Mount St. Mary's Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the Union Rescue Mission, and the healing began.

Martinez first sought help at the Union Rescue Mission after struggling with unemployment and a divorce. "At the end, I was just helpless, hopeless and had nowhere to go. It was a nightmare," he says. "I called around, and the Union Rescue Mission was the only place available. Once I walked through these doors, I found a relationship with God and Jesus Christ. I just keep getting blessing after blessing."

The Union Rescue Mission, a Christian organization founded in 1891, helps thousands of mostly homeless people living on Los Angeles' Skid Row. In a typical year, the mission serves about 900,000 meals and gives about 250,000 nights' worth of shelter, according to the organization's year-end report. Among the services it offers is free health care for the homeless population.

Some of Union Rescue Mission's health clinic clients sleep on sidewalks and lug around heavy bags full of their belongings. Being able to afford a decent pair of shoes is tough for most. Many, like Martinez, suffer from lingering injuries that have been left untreated for quite some time.

"When (the Union Rescue Mission) offered me this (physical therapy), I jumped at it," he said.

Health clinic Director Dr. Mary Marfisee first heard about the Mount's physical therapy students' desire to do pro bono work during a conference in Florida two years ago. She made a beeline for the group, which included Valerie Teglia '96 MPT, associate professor of physical therapy and director of clinical education. After all, the College's Doheny Campus is only three miles from the Mission.

The partnership has been a success since it launched in January 2011. "Our patients love them," Marfisee says. "They provide a service that would be almost impossible to get for this uninsured population, a great majority of whom have chronic neglected musculoskeletal conditions."

More importantly, Mount students have produced results with clients who seemed like they "had just given up," she says.

The challenge for the students is identifying realistic solutions for the people who depend on the mission for their medical needs. Almost all of their physical therapy patients are referrals from the clinic or from other nearby charitable groups assisting the homeless population that congregates daily near downtown Los Angeles.

The students in the program experience patient interaction in a way that few students ever will, says Teglia. "That's one of the nice things for our students, that they are really forced to be creative," she says. "In a different situation, we might tell a patient to grab a bag of peas out of the freezer to use as an icepack. For the people here, there is no bag of peas and there is no freezer."

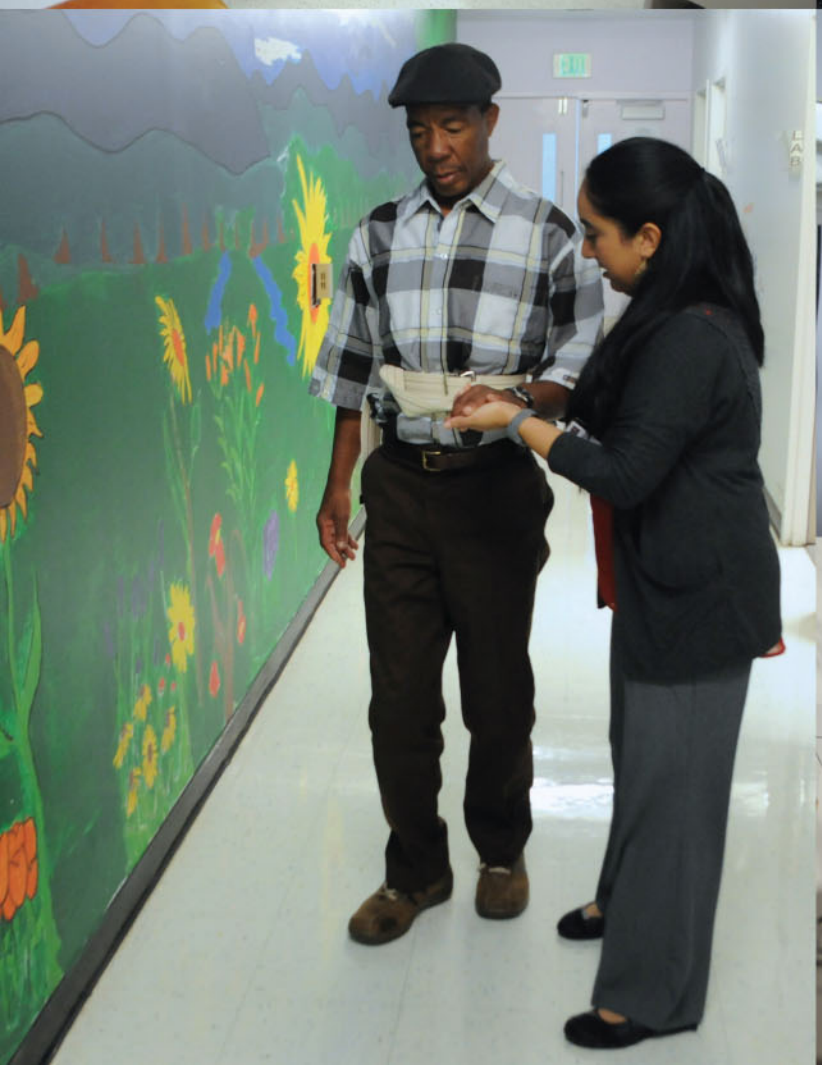
Physical therapists aim to show people how to live in a healthier way, Juliana Gildesgame '12 says, and that aspect of the profession drew her toward becoming a physical therapist. "It's that patient component, showing people how they can learn to live with their bodies," she says.

But for those patients on Skid Row, the Mount students offer more than just a way to live healthily. They offer hope. ⚜

For more photos, go to **www.msmc.la.edu/magazine**

Photos: Carlos Puma

(Clockwise from top left) Dr. Akemi Rico DPT '08 and Dr. Valerie Teglia MPT '96 manage the clinic schedule. Mount physical therapy students help clients at the Union Rescue Mission in Los Angeles. Amy Neyer '12 facilitates contraction of a client's abdominal muscles. A sketch shows basic home exercises. Hiral Achhnani '12 teaches balance strategies. Juliana Gildesgame '12 instructs a patient in a home exercise program.



The Human Touch In Animal Care

Alum advocates for standards in field of pet rehabilitation

By Pia Abelgas Orense

In a corner room at the Pet Paradise clinic in Laguna Niguel, Calif., physical therapist Tanya (Galouskin) Doman '91 gently nudges her golden retriever, Leah, into a treadmill chamber that will be half-filled with warm water. Leah has had five orthopedic surgeries since she was rescued at 3 months old, all to repair broken bones sustained from a possibly abusive home. There were so many stress fractures on her hip bone that it crumbled during one of the surgeries.

For the past year, Leah has been undergoing physical therapy at Pet Paradise so she can gain full function of her hind legs again. The underwater treadmill will help Leah strengthen the muscles around the false joints that now connect her pelvis and leg bones. Leah also receives laser therapy on her scars while she relaxes on a special bed that releases electromagnetic pulses designed to increase circulation and promote faster healing.

All these treatments are part of a growing specialization in rehabilitative medicine: physical therapy for animals. In the late 1990s, Doman turned her attention to this niche, then in its infancy, after working in the sports, geriatric and orthopedic fields. Her full-time job is in pediatric physical therapy and she uses her spare time to help animals.

"In pediatric PT, we're working on the entire development of this human being so they can do things that we take for granted, like going to school," she says. "I wanted to apply the techniques and approaches used in human physical therapy to animals."

More specifically, she wants to make sure the animals receive treatment from properly licensed medical professionals. To this end, Doman serves as the state's liaison to the animal special interest group of the American Physical Therapy Association. Her goal is to inspire legislation that will set the standards for animal physical therapy and make practicing therapists accountable.

The debate surrounding pet rehabilitation involves not just the question of competency but also of collaboration, or lack of, between veterinarians and physical therapists. Some veterinarians offer their own rehab services (with or without training and certification) and physical therapists argue this practice does not promote referrals to properly trained specialists. As a member of the California Association of Animal Physical Therapists, Doman is pushing a petition that she hopes will draw attention to this issue.

"I've seen regulations and policies changed or amended by those from outside of the 'trenches' of PT," she says. "I now realize that I have a duty to view my profession as a calling instead of just a job, and do what I can to make positive changes for physical therapy as a whole."

As a physical therapist for animals, Doman works with rescue groups to rehabilitate injured dogs so "they can be adoptable" again. She herself adopted Leah after the golden retriever's first surgery last year. For the dog, healing has been slow but steady. "She's young, she has that in her favor," Doman says. Soon, she hopes, Leah will be "running around the dog beach and doing what puppies do." ⚜

View more photos and watch a video of Leah using the underwater treadmill at **www.msmc.la.edu/magazine**

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Tanya Doman ’91 assists Leah, a golden retriever recovering from five orthopedic surgeries, during an underwater treadmill session.

alum community

welcome

This is a year of great celebrations, beginning with the inauguration of the College's 12th president, Ann McElaney-Johnson, in March. We are also commemorating many milestones in the Mount's history, including the 15th anniversary of the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, the 20th anniversary of the Weekend College and the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Doheny Campus. We look forward to seeing you at these special events. For more information, please contact alumnae relations at 213.477.2767.

Phonathon Program Returns to Campus

Say hello to some Mount students who may be calling you as part of the College's phonathon program. Since September 2011, Chalon students have been contacting alumnae to update our records, share news from the College and discuss the Mount Fund, which supports scholarships and program needs.

class notes

'43

Mary (Pansini) La Haye is involved in a new endeavor — the Caring Hearts telephone ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Newport Beach, Calif. Through the phone, she reaches out to people who are lonely, shut-in or suffering from depression.
Mary (Sibilio) Frary is widowed and has three children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is enjoying her old age although she spends most of her days at home.

'47

Lorraine (Murphy) Purnell has enjoyed her family history quests traveling to New England and overseas to England, Scotland and Ireland. While abroad, she took two side trips to see abbey ruins, and,despite two hurricanes, returned home via an Atlantic crossing to the Canadian seaboard and down through the Saint Lawrence Seaway.

'53

Sydell Stokes is living quietly at home and enjoys lunching with friends.

'54

June (Swithen) Beebe and her freshman roommate, Ella Jo (Bunyard) Barber, joined Mount alums for the travel excursion to Andalucía, Spain, in September.
Shirley (Burke) Paolini Duncan is living in the Houston area, traveling abroad, writing a novel and keeping in touch with family.

'56

Nancy (VanDyke) Poss-Hatchl has two living children and three grandchildren. Her husband is a retired aerospace engineer.

'57

Lois (McGovern) Walker, went to Portland, Ore., on Oct. 31, 2011, for her brother's 75th birthday. She and all three of her daughters have survived breast cancer. One daughter, who lives in Italy, completed a 45-day trek to Santiago de Campostela, Spain, as a "thank you" for being 10-years cancer free in May 2011.

'63

Carol (Kroll) Babbitt belongs to Friendship Force International, a home hosting organization, and exchanges hospitality with members from around the world.

'64

Jacqueline (Suess) Dienermann retired from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and became professor emeritus of nursing in July.

'65

Pamela (Carlow) Buckman is actively involved in the management and day-to-day operations of the company she founded in 1983. In her free time, she has traveled extensively throughout the world. She and her husband have four children and 11 grandchildren.

’66

Carol (Wetzel) Lachapelle has traveled to Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, Fiji, Tahiti and St. Marten with her husband over the course of their 45-year marriage.

’68

Kathryn Macek became an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church on Oct. 16, 2011. She is currently serving as interim vicar of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in La Grande, Ore.

Maryann Russo is currently in private practice as a psychotherapist in Redondo Beach, Calif., and compiling a poetry manuscript for publication entitled “Wild and Still.” She and her husband recently returned from a trip to Spain and Italy.

’70

Stephanie (Lewis) Cooper has four daughters: three are pursuing post-graduate degrees and one is married with two children. She says being a grandmother is so much fun.

Sydney (Wilson) Wigle and her husband, Jim, are retired.

’73

Catherine Scheibe teaches art history, drawing and painting at Central City Value High School in Los Angeles. She is chair of the school’s academic council and led a professional development workshop for teachers and staff on “Teaching English and Social Studies using Works of Art”

Debra (Bouchard) Hayes is teaching at San Diego Mesa College after completing her master’s degree in French literature at San Diego State University in December 2010. She enjoyed recent travels with family to New Orleans and to France, where she reunited with a longtime friend.

Henry Alviani and his wife celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2010 with a trip to Naples, Prague, Budapest and Vienna and celebrated New Year’s Eve 2010 in Dublin, Ireland. Their daughter is finishing photography school with a three-month internship at *Inked* magazine in New York City this winter.

’78

Carol (Mikoll) Moore has traveled to El Salvador, Ghana and Cambodia as a volunteer with Project C.U.R.E., an organization that sends donated medical supplies to more than 120 developing countries worldwide. She works in Colorado as the director of nine assisted-living homes and visits Southern California frequently.

Leticia (Delgadillo) Serrano switched careers from a pension administrator to a K-9 teacher. She and her husband have been married for 31 years and have three children and three grandsons. Last summer, they traveled to New York City and Washington, D.C.

’80

Carmen Basa-Ilano and her eldest son are both teachers in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Gloria (Stoner) Lurie has been married for 27 years and has two children. She visited Colonial Williamsburg in Williamsburg, Va., and Washington, D.C.

Karen Schwarz is a clinical psychologist in private practice. She lives and works in Foster City, Calif.

’81

JoAnna (Visosky) McGeoghegan has been married for 29 years, has two daughters and lives on a farm in Washington. She has spent most of her nursing career in home health care.

Deborah (Homan Connolly) McCoy has a son who is a junior at Amherst College in Amherst, Mass.

’82

Katrina Leffler has two children, now in their 20s. She previously worked in costume design and currently has a line of resort wear called DellAnnatta Beach Couture.

’84

Jenny (Moutard) Mott published an article, “Suicide Assessment in the School Setting,” in NASN School Nurse in March 2011. She belongs to the Upsilon Beta Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International nursing honor society and currently works for Chino Valley Unified School District in Chino, Calif., as a school nurse. She has been married for 30 years and has three children and three grandchildren.

’85

Mary Pat (Kennedy) Carothers is retired from homeschooling her four kids through high school and launching them into their college careers. She is enjoying her empty nest and exploring the corporate world at Lexus Headquarters.

Patricia (Trimble) Justice is an Army major currently deployed in a forward surgical team in Afghanistan. She serves as the officer in charge of the operating room.

Suzanne (Hecht) Sallus has been married for 25 years.

’87

Karen (McKnight) Compton launched Industry Speaks, a business-to-business search engine that allows companies to find professionals in legal, human resources, information technology and other back-office departments, in September.

Martha (Mathews) Libster was appointed chair and director of nursing for the College of Health and Human Services at Governors State University in University Park, Ill. In October 2011.

'88
Luanne (Santrach) Csonka is married to her high school sweetheart and has a 15-year-old son.

'89
Kathryn (Brown) Schaffer is married and has two children.

'90
Kelly (Fitzgerald) Harrison has 15-year-old twins and a 13-year-old son.
Linda America has enjoyed her nursing career for the past 15 years, having previously worked in the business, insurance and entertainment industries.
Cassandra (Larson) Ornelas has been married for 15 years. She has a 19-year-old daughter who is a sophomore at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and an 11-year-old who is in sixth grade.

'91
Christianne (Nyberg) Bishop began practicing as a geriatrician with Sutter Gould Medical Group Inc. in Modesto, Calif., in November 2011. Her spouse, John Bishop, is vice chair and director of anatomic pathology at UC Davis Health System and her daughter is the chief resident in surgery at Stamford Hospital in Stamford, Conn.

'95
Marie Ann Legaspi is a family nurse practitioner and an instructor in the Associate Degree in Nursing program (ADN) at the Mount. She lives in Hollywood and enjoys spending time with her family. She would love to connect with alums from the class of 1995 as well as alumnae from Kappa Delta Chi Sorority.

'96
Cynthia (Cynbad) Moreno-Estrada has a 2-year-old son.

Alums and friends join Jeanne (Redell) Ruiz '63, special assistant to the vice president of institutional advancement (second from the left), in Andalucia, Spain, in September 2011.

'97
Jean Day teaches general psychology at Georgia Highlands College, Ga. She is planning to travel to Egypt in 2013.
Veronica (Salmeron) Goode and her husband celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary in April 2011 with their two children. Veronica is enjoying her 15th year as a sixth-grade teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District.
Gina (Houston) Ross has been married for more than 18 years and has three children. She works part time, mostly helping breast cancer survivors.

'98
Debra Seal was awarded certification in pediatric physical therapy in May 2011 by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. She was the first graduate of the American Physical Therapy Association-credentialed pediatric physical therapy residency at Duke University Medical Center in 2010.

'99
Ivy Johnson has three children.

'00
Andreea Custurea, graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in May 2011. As editor-in-chief of the Thomas M. Cooley Journal of Practical & Clinical Law, she hosted its first annual Legal Conference, entitled "To Bear or Not to Bear: Guns in Educational Institutions."
Martha (Cervantes) Ramirez and her husband purchased their first home in February 2011. She gave birth to her third child in February 2012.
Mai Houng Ho-Tran is married and travels every year to Vietnam for volunteer work.

'01
Nely (Goly) Go works as a sales advertising consultant at J.S. Paluch Company Inc., a national publisher for the Catholic community.
Kathleen (Kavanaugh) Murdy, and her husband have been married 52

years and have four adult children. She has written five books and a monthly column on liturgical spirituality for Resource Publications Inc. She is currently writing a Lenten book for Liguori Publications and has completed a historical novel, "Song of the Dove: A Story of Mary of Nazareth."

'02

Christina (Bell) Burke is working toward her marriage and family therapist license and enjoying her work as a grief counselor at Camarillo Hospice in Camarillo, Calif.
Elizabeth Garay traveled to Barcelona, Spain, and Rome, Italy, in December.

'03

Heather Buchanan currently serves as southern regional director for Delta Psi Epsilon Christian Sorority Inc.

'04

Jaclyn Zapanta became engaged in December 2010. The wedding will take place in Guam on June 30, 2012. Fellow alums Sonia Salgado '04 and Miriam Salgado '04 will be her bridesmaids.

Veronica (Sarabia) Beltran and her husband celebrated two years of marriage.
Camille Ramos is married. She has traveled to Europe regularly since 2001, and lived and taught in London in 2005. In August 2011, she visited Fátima, Portugal, to see the site of the Virgin Mary's apparitions.

'05

Patricia (Putilla) Bridewell is a registered nurse and nurse educator. She is also a published Christian fiction writer.
Nancy Lorenz-Vega is an adjunct professor of English at three Los Angeles-area institutions: Concorde Career College, DeVry University and Pasadena City College.

'06

Tamar (Balikian) Shetty is married and had a baby in March 2012.

'07

Marisa Smith began a doctoral program in English language and literature at University College London, September 2011.

'08

Clara Sic Alonzo works as a registered nurse at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, is attending graduate school to become a nurse educator, and has a 4-year-old daughter.

'09

Evelyn (Glover) Dennis retired from the Los Angeles Unified School District in 2008 after 18 years of service. In 2010, she dealt with a serious health issue but, with God's help and excellent medical treatment, is fully recovered. She traveled with her sisters to her hometown of Colfax, La., in November to attend the yearly Pecan Festival.

'10

Sarah (Imgrund) Black is married and has three children. She works at Glendale Community College as the PACE program assistant, and at Cal State Los Angeles as a graduate teaching associate and assistant director of forensics.
Michelle Fuga visited Beijing and Shanghai, China, in November.

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The Alumnae Association extends best wishes to the following alums and their spouses:

'02 Michelle Staine to Paul Alfred Maleno
'05 Jennifer Negrete to Sergio Collazo
'10 Elizabeth Aylward to Jason Cameron.

by-lines

The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to the following alums and their spouses on the birth of their children:

'01 Emma Arianna to Jessica (Rojas) Cuevas, first child
'01 Isabella Renee to Jessica Sanchez-Caridad, third child
'03 Valery Lily to Vanessa (Sevilla) Castellon, second child
'05 Lucia Ortiz to Cristina Luna, first child
'07 Alexa Celest and Ruby Angelica to Rocio Zaragoza-Cruz, twin girls, first children
'10 Aiden Joseph Cameron to Elizabeth Aylward, first child

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Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

'39 Ethel (Kristofek) Winslow
'43 brother Mary (Pansini) La Haye
'43 Mary (Shannon) Slaughter, sister of Alice (Shannon) Guizot '44 and Frances (Shannon) Joy '47
'48 Patricia (Spencler) Terzian
'49 Mary Baca
'51 Joan Harold Hogan, mother of Stephanie (Hogan) Poss '81 and Carol (Hogan) Hahn '06

'52 husband of Bebette (Gualano) Coleman
'55 grandson of Lorraine (Gibbons) Morabito
'56 Regina (Mason) Fitzgerald
'56 husband of Mary Ann (Wightman) Salamida
'58 daughter of Mary Ellen (Antoniak) Braun
'58 Sister Joseph Adele Edwards
'60 daughter of Lucinda (Wallace) Powers
'64 husband of Patricia Casey
'65 son of Linda (Jolin) Elliot
'65 Susan (Danielson) Wright
'69 Valerie (Payne) Biskey
'69 Elizabeth (Sowinski) Mullensky
'79 mother of Amy Dario

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers, and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Mount Community.

advanced degrees

The Alumnae Association congratulates the following alums for their successful pursuit of intellectual achievement:

'07 Jennifer Batugo, MS in nursing/ family nurse practitioner, University of Phoenix, Month, Year

NOTE: We are proud of all of our alums and are happy to showcase your academic achievements. Please let us know when you receive an advanced degree and include the date and the name of the institution granting the degree. In order to keep this feature current, please do not go back any further than four years or send information that has already appeared in Class Notes.

Send us your photos

Share your special moments with the Mount community. Send photos of milestone anniversaries, engagements, weddings, births and significant trips to Elizabeth (Robles) Jimenez '03, director of alumnae relations, at erobles@msmc.la.edu.

Attention, Class of 1962

If you're a member of the Class of 1962, this is your banner year. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of your graduation with a lunch in your honor, hosted by President Ann McElaney-Johnson, on May 5 at the Chalon Campus. You will also be feted at the Baccalaureate Mass following the lunch. For more information, contact Elizabeth (Robles) Jimenez '03, director of alumnae relations, at 213.477.2769 or erobles@msmc.la.edu.

Remembering the Mount

Thinking of including the Mount in your estate plan? Please let us know. There are many ways to do this. We can help you decide which is best for you. Contact Cindy Hizami, director of planned giving, at 213.277.2740 or chizami@msmc.la.edu.

Stay on the Cutting Edge
Log in to Mount AlumLine to:
- find out the latest alum activities
- RSVP to alum events
- update your personal information
- chat online
- make a gift to MSMC

To log in, go to www.msmcalums.la.edu; you will need your Alum ID#. You can find it directly above your name on the address panel of this magazine.

E-mail Update
Please make sure we have your current e-mail address, so we can stay in touch.

Alumnae Legacy Grant
Alum offspring are entitled to a $1,000 grant, renewable every year upon enrolling at MSMC. To apply, contact Alumnae Relations.

Alum Privilege Card
You need this card to use the Mount fitness centers or libraries. Log in to AlumLine (Web address above) and click on Alum Privilege Card on the left navigation bar.

Enrichment Courses
You are entitled to audit one course a semester for personal enrichment at no charge. No credit will be given. Contact Alumnae Relations to get the audit waiver form.

Career Planning
Alums can get free career-planning advice by visiting the Career Center during regular hours either as a walk-in client or by appointment with a counselor. To search the center's online job listing, go to www.mountcareernetwork.com. You will need to complete an initial registration process.

Questions?
Please call Alumnae Relations at 213.477.2767.

2011 Outstanding Alums Award Winners

Rising Star Award

Ana Grande '01, '09 MA

Ana Grande '01, '09 MA has turned her passion for community action into a career in public service. The recipient of the 2011 Rising Star Award currently serves as district director for Councilmember Richard Alarcon, focusing on poverty and education. Recently, she served as campaign director for PowerPAC.org and monitored political candidates and the social policy issues in their campaigns. Grande was recruited to PowerPAC while serving as the education programs manager at the Salvadoran-American Leadership and Educational Fund, where she cultivated parent leaders throughout the Pico-Union area, and developed and implemented a high school-to-college mentoring program. In addition, Grande is co-founder of Adelante¡ California, a nonprofit organization that addresses continued barriers in access to higher education and college retention for the state's youth.

Outstanding Alumna Award for Service to the College

Barbara Buckman '63

Barbara Buckman '63, recipient of the 2011 Outstanding Alumna Award for Service to the College, actively promotes the Mount wherever she goes. Buckman spent most of her career with Kaiser Permanente as a clinical nurse specialist in education and training before retiring in 2002. She is a long-time member of the Alumnae Board, and participates in orientations, Athenian Day and graduation-related ceremonies. She volunteers for the Da Camera Society, assists at the Carondelet Center and serves as a Doheny Mansion docent. Her other non-Mount volunteer sites include the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and the Skirball Cultural Center. Buckman established the Harriett Barton Burr Endowed Scholarship at the Mount, in honor of her aunt, to benefit deserving students in need. Buckman is a member of the Mount Associates, Heritage Society, and Regents Council.

Outstanding Alum Award for Professional Achievement

Hank Alviani '74

Hank Alviani '74 is a lifelong choral music educator who holds his doctor of musical arts degree from Arizona State University. Alviani, honored with the 2011 Outstanding Alum Award for Professional Achievement, spent 12 years teaching junior and senior high school choral music in Southern California before becoming an associate professor of music and director of choral and vocal music studies at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. His vocal technique manual, "VoiceWorks," was issued by Alfred Music Publishing in 2007. He has composed and published many pieces for chorus, has performed regularly with the Pittsburgh Opera Chorus and has been guest conductor for numerous honor choruses. He is faculty advisor for Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a fraternal society in music, which presented him with the Orpheus Award in 2006 for his contributions to music in the United States.

Outstanding Alumna Award for Community Service

Lisa Kimble Edmonston '82

Lisa Kimble Edmonston '82 has been deeply involved in her community in Bakersfield, Calif., for years, working to improve the lives of the neediest residents. The recipient of the 2011 Outstanding Alumna Award for Community Service is a columnist and writer for Bakersfield Life Magazine and The Bakersfield Californian. After graduating from the Mount, she used her high profile as a broadcast journalist to heighten awareness about the homeless. Her work was honored with two regional Emmy nominations, including an Emmy for a story on the hardships of children living in poverty. She has been active with the Junior League of Bakersfield, and has served as honorary chair and broadcast co-host of the Children's Miracle Network's Bakersfield telethon. She owns a professional obituary writing service and has written countless obituaries, often at no charge, to help families.

calendar

JOIN US...

Wine Tasting
Come sample and savor several varietals of wine and regional microbrews at the 10th annual Alum Wine & Microbrew Tasting on June 23, from 2-5 p.m. at the Doheny Campus. Admission is $40 per person if you register before June 1; $50 after June 1. Feel free to invite your family and friends. For more information, contact Elizabeth (Robles) Jimenez '03, director of alumnae relations, at 213.477.2769 or erobles@msmc.la.edu.

Mansion Tours
Step back in time and savor the Doheny Mansion's exquisite appointments. Learn about the Mansion's history and the lives of Edward and Estelle Doheny. Public tours are scheduled for April 21, July 21 and Sept. 22. For more information, contact Dionna Watson, special events assistant, at 213.477.2962 or dwatson@msmc.la.edu.

The following calendar represents only some of the events at Mount St. Mary's College. For more up-to-date listings, visit www.msmc.la.edu and click on "Calendars." For alumnae events, visit www.msmcalums.la.edu.

The island of Procida in the Bay of Naples,Italy.

Alum Trip to the Amalfi Coast Planned for Fall 2012

Join fellow alums on our fourth annual travel abroad excursion from Sept. 19–27. We will explore the beautiful Amalfi Coast, one of the most incredible regions in Italy, and discover the quaint coastal towns of Vietri sul Mare, Amalfi, Positano, Naples and Ravello, which cascade down mountains into the sea. Throughout the trip, sample delicious cuisine while being immersed in the Italian lifestyle. For more information, contact Elizabeth (Robles) Jimenez '03, director of alumnae relations, at 213.477.2769 or erobles@msmc.la.edu.

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14 MBA Information Session, Doheny Campus, 213-477-2800 or gradprograms@msmc.la.edu
15 Laurel Day, Doheny Campus
20 Spring Choral Concert, Chalon Campus, tfassnacht@msmc.la.edu
21 Mary's Day, Chalon Campus

may

5 Golden Grads Celebration (Class of 1962) and Baccalaureate Mass, Chalon Campus, 213.477.2769, erobles@msmc.la.edu
7 Commencement
19 MBA Information Session, Doheny Campus, 213-477-2800 or gradprograms@msmc.la.edu

june

15–16 Roy Adaptation Association International Workshops and Conference, Doheny Campus
23 10th Annual Alum Wine & Microbrew Tasting, Doheny Campus, 213.477.2769

Sister Eloise Therese in 1970.

Sister Eloise Therese and a Mount student with the inaugural National Foreign Language Week poster in 1957.

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The annual National Foreign Language Week was celebrated March 5-11 at Los Angeles City College and it marked the 55th year of its founding by none other than the Mount's own Sister Eloise Therese Mescall, CSJ.

The Mount's history with the event dates back to 1956, when Sister Eloise Therese was serving as president of Alpha Mu Gamma, the national foreign language honor society. In those Cold War years, there was a fresh emphasis on teaching foreign languages to American students. Sister Eloise Therese thought a week of activities promoting language study would be the perfect way to draw attention to the large number of excellent programs at the nation's colleges and universities.

With the encouragement of educators, legislators and even President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Alpha Mu Gamma launched the festivities in February 1957.

Sister joined the Mount faculty in 1948 and chaired the Foreign Languages department off and on for more than a quarter century. In the "off" years she was traveling and studying in French- and Spanish-speaking countries, receiving a pile of honorary degrees and even a medal from the French government. Back at the Mount, she worked in the classroom and as an administrator. She launched the study abroad program in the 1950s and directed the opening of the Downtown (Doheny) Campus in 1962. She retired from the Mount in 1994 and passed away in 2001. ⚜

— Victoria McCargar, College Archivist

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